

# SLAVONIC MOSLEMS IN REVOLT

**Constantinople Reports Mohammedan Uprising in Caucasus in Which Fifty Thousand Armed Russians Fight Against the Czar ---Mutiny in Army Besieging Przemysl---Turks Bombard Sebastopol.**

Berlin, Dec. 15.—An official press bureau statement issued today says:

"The Turkish cruiser Madriti, formerly the Brealau, has been besieged by Przemysl. Constantinople learns authoritatively that a Mohammedan uprising has occurred in the Caucasus and that 50,000 armed Russian Moslems went over to fight against the Russians."

London, Dec. 15.—The official information bureau has issued the following statement:

"In a combined attack by allies made yesterday on a line from Holbeke to Wytchate in Belgium several trenches and a number of prisoners were captured and substantial progress was made."

Paris, Dec. 15.—Today's official announcement says: "Between the sea and the English occupied a little forest to the west of Wytchate. The ground gained yesterday by our troops along the Ypres canal and west of Holbeke has been retained in spite of a vigorous counter attack."

"From the Somme to the Argonne there has been intermittent cannonading."

"In the Crecy region, artillery fighting has been spirited."

"In the Argonne we have made progress."

"In the Vosges, the railroad station

## ALLIES OPENED WAR ON TURKEY

**Sultan in Speech From Throne Tells Why He Called on All to Enter Conflict.**

London, Dec. 15.—In a speech from the throne at the opening of the Turkish parliament the sultan announced that he was forced to declare war when the Russian fleet attacked the Turkish fleet in the Black sea and that England and France had been actual hostilities by sending troops to the Turkish frontiers, according to a Reuters dispatch from Constantinople.

"Necessity was forced upon us to resist a policy of destruction which at all times has been pursued against the Islamic world by England, France and Russia and which has assumed the character of religious persecution," the sultan declared. "In consequence with the sacred Moslem law I called all Moslems to a holy war against these powers and those who help them. I can state with satisfaction that our relations with the powers which have not participated in the general war are sincerely friendly, especially with our neighbor Bulgaria."

Paris, Dec. 15.—A dispatch from Havre to Matin says:

"According to news that has reached the Belgian government the German governor general of the occupied territory in Belgium has ordered provincial councils to meet December 17, to take the necessary measures for payment of the war tax of \$70,000,000."

## WELCH NOTIFIED OF EXEMPTION

**Commissioner Told There Is No War Tax On Certificates of Authority To Engage in Business.**

Instructions concerning certain documents upon which it was thought the war tax had been placed, but which have been exempted by a special ruling were received today by A. L. Welch, insurance commissioner, from Charles F. Nesbitt, superintendent of the department of insurance, Washington, D. C.

"The documents exempted are certificates of authority to engage in any occupation or business or to perform any act issued under authority of any state, county or municipal enactment, as well as application or return therefor, are not subject to the tax. Such instruments it is explained include marriage licenses, automobile licenses, liquor dealers' licenses, certificates of authority to insurance companies and agents, and other similar documents."

This is the first official instruction of the kind that has been received and will be of some importance to those interested.

## BARGAINS PROMISED

**Sale of Goods Remaining From National Manufacturers' Exhibit to Be Concluded Today.**

The last chance to attend the sale of the exhibits left over from the National Manufacturers' show will be given the public today and tonight in the building at 35 West Main street, and according to C. H. Russell, those who are present will secure many bargains.

The exhibit was given in the interest of the Oklahoma-Panama-Pacific Exposition commission and the money derived will go toward the erection of the Oklahoma building at the exposition.

It is not necessary to sell the goods in this way, asserts Mr. Russell. Retailers would be glad to take advantage of the sale, but the public is to be offered one more chance at the bargains, and everything that can possibly be sold today from a benevolent button to automobile accessories will be at greatly reduced prices.

## PHYSICIANS TO RELIEVE BELGIAN PROFESSIONAL MEN

New York, Dec. 15.—A movement has been completed for the formation of an organization of physicians, surgeons and pharmacists of the United States to relieve the 5,000 Belgians of those professions, it has been announced at the headquarters of the American Commission for Relief in Belgium.

Dr. Frank Simpson, of Pittsburg is treasurer of the new organization.

## U. S. MERCHANT MARINE INCREASING SAYS REPORT

Washington, Dec. 15.—The American Merchant marine has been increased by 101 vessels with a total displacement of 361,078 gross tons since September 3, according to an announcement by the department of commerce. The ships were admitted to American registry under the act of congress passed directly after the outbreak of the European war.

## Victorious Admiral, His Dead foe, And Map of Naval Battle in South Atlantic



Two days after he had sunk four German cruisers in the South Atlantic Admiral Sir Frederick Charles Doveton Sturdee reported that he had sunk four, not three German cruisers, as the first account of the greatest naval battle of the war had stated. The Nürnberg, a fast German cruiser, one of Admiral von Spee's fleet, was the fourth vessel to go down.

The map shows the course of the German fleet from its position off Chili about November 1, when it sank the British cruisers Good Hope and Monmouth. The squadron steamed around South America into the Atlantic where Admiral Sturdee caught it. After the defeat off Chili the British admiralty hurried Sturdee and his squadron secretly from the North Sea. He found the Germans north of Falkland Islands. He had heavier and longer ranged guns and the Germans had no chance, and the battle was quickly over.

## SHERIFF TAKES OWN SON HOME; MURDER CHARGE

Lansing, Mich., Dec. 15.—Sheriff J. H. Eggers of Greenville, Ky., left here last night with his 17-year-old son, Ernest, who is wanted in Kentucky to face trial on charge of murder.

Father and son appeared before Governor Ferris late yesterday and waived hearing on extradition. "It's pretty hard on a father to take his own son back to prison to await trial for murder, but the law is there," declared Sheriff Eggers. "Trons are unnecessary, son will return without trouble."

## POLICE BURN MORN PICTURE

Society Girl Very Sorry When Young Man Obtained Negative of Her—Kissed Negatively.

Sparta, Wis., Dec. 15.—"Thank heaven!" exclaimed a pretty girl of the younger social set when Chief of Police Webber touched a match to a thin dark film of celluloid and the flame lit a bit of ash on the cement step of the police station.

The negative of "September Morn" was no more and with the little ceremony the girl said, "Amen," also "never again."

One morning last September, three girls were taking a dip. The Wisconsin girl that had them was at her best in summer bathing.

The girl with the camera dared the prettiest of the trio. A click and then another to be sure she had the pose and another "September Morn" was born to trouble.

The story got out, as stories will, and at a dance a young man obtained possession of the film.

Tears and promises of kisses did not move the young man but the police made him change his mind by calling his method of obtaining the film theft.

Then the ceremony on the police station steps fixed everything.

## THE WEATHER

Fair weather tonight and Wednesday without decided temperature change.

7 a. m. 37  
8 a. m. 38  
9 a. m. 39  
10 a. m. 40  
11 a. m. 41  
12 noon 42  
1 p. m. 43  
2 p. m. 44  
3 p. m. 45

## EXPLOSION IMPRISIONS CURTAILS POWER OF COMMISSION

Tokio, Dec. 15.—In an explosion in a coal mine at Fukuro, 500 laborers were imprisoned in the mine work bags. Fukuro is on the second six miles north of Nagasaki.

## MISSING AFTER SALE

Lodge Officer of Wanette Writes to Governor Concerning Disappearance of Member Who Had Money.

C. N. Custard, one of the local officers of the Wanette lodge of Masons, writing to Governor Crouce, expresses the fear that W. S. Northcross, who until recently was a resident of that community has met with foul play. It is stated that Northcross, on November 18 sold some miles and received about \$200. The transaction, it is said, was made with a stranger. Northcross was to go to Pottsville, Texas, where he had formerly lived. So far as known he has not reached there and nothing has been heard of him. The Wanette lodge will probably institute search for the missing man, as he was a member in good standing.

## VALUE OF CROPS IS ANNOUNCED

This Year's Yield Worth \$20,645,000 Less Than Last Year Says Department of Agriculture.

Washington, Dec. 15.—This year's principal farm crops were worth \$4,455,852,000 the department of agriculture announced today. Following is the value of the important crops: Corn—\$1,782,799,000; winter wheat, \$675,623,000; spring wheat, \$263,657,000; all wheat, \$878,680,000; oats, \$499,431,000; potatoes, \$108,009,000; hay, \$779,008,000.

The corn production is 2,672,804,900 bushels. The acre yield, 25.8 bushels. Winter wheat, production, 684,960,000 bushels. Spring wheat, production, 296,927,000 bushels. All wheat, production, 801,017,000 bushels.

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## HELP NEGROES SAYS WILSON

President Outlines His Attitude Toward Colored Race to the College Committee.

Washington, Dec. 15.—Outlining his attitude toward the negro, President Wilson told the university commission on southern race questions, made up of representatives of eleven southern colleges that "our object is to know the needs of the negro and sympathetically help him in every way possible for his good and our good."

Dr. C. H. Brown, of the University of Arkansas, chairman of the commission, told the president the commission was organized to make an impartial study of the race question from the standpoint of the negroes' economic, hygienic, civic and moral betterment.

The president said: "There is not any question in which more candid needs to be put or more thorough human good feeling than this. I know myself as a southern man how sincerely the south desires the good of the negro. I can only add you God-speed in what is a very necessary and a great undertaking."

## UNITED STATES TRADING WITH SOUTH WAS GREATER

Boston, Dec. 15.—Trading of the United States in 1913 with twenty Latin American republics, both in sales and in purchases, exceeded in volume that of any other single country, according to John Barrett, director general of the Pan-American commercial conference. It was the first year he said that the United States ever had exported a greater valuation of products to Latin American countries than the United Kingdom.

## AVIATORS ON BROKEN CRAFT SAVED IN SEA BY DUTCH

London, Dec. 15.—A Reuter dispatch from Flushing says that the Dutch steamer Oranje Nassau picked up two aviators in the North sea. They were a British officer and his mechanic, who had been compelled to descend upon the sea when the motor of their machine became disabled. At first they refused to leave their craft until they were assured they would not be interned in Holland whether the Oranje Nassau was bound. They had been flying over Belgium.

## GOVERNMENT ASKS OWNERS FOR A MEXICAN RAILWAY

Mexico City, Dec. 15.—A committee representing the Agraria Calles convention has called on officials of the National Railways lines of Mexico asking that the railways be turned over to the government immediately in order that traffic be re-established as soon as possible.

The committee gave assurance that the proprietors of the company would be protected.

## BERLIN ANNOUNCES DEATH OF TWO FIELD GENERALS

Berlin, Dec. 15.—The newspapers announce the death of the battlefield General Van Bismarck, commander of an infantry division, and of Major General A. Von Marlin.

## INCREASED RAILWAY RATES IN EFFECT ON EASTERN ROADS

Washington, Dec. 15.—Increased passenger fares between St. Louis, Mo., Chicago, and other similarly located cities, and points in the eastern territory, east of the Buffalo-Buffalo line became effective at midnight.

## INDIAN LAND TAX DECISION

**Town Lots Subject to Levy After Title Passes From Original Allottee.**

Town lots which originally formed a part of an Indian allotment which was inalienable and non-taxable for 21 years from date of patent, are subject to taxation after their title passes out of the hands of the original allottee. This was the substance of a ruling of the state supreme court today in an opinion by Justice F. E. Riddle in reversing the case of Elmer E. Schock, treasurer, and the board of commissioners of Okmulgee county against Cornelia Sweet et al, appealed from the district court of Okmulgee county.

The lots in question were a part of Capital Heights additions Numbers 1 and 2, to the city of Okmulgee, formerly embraced in the allotment of Sarah Smith, a Creek freedwoman. The allottee sold her homestead for townsite purposes and the holders of the lots therein sought and procured an injunction in the district court restraining the collection of taxes on the property on the ground that it was part of an Indian allotment which was specifically exempted from taxation by acts of congress.

The supreme court today held that the act of congress of April 26, 1906, permitted the sale of homesteads of Indian allottees for townsite purposes, under certain conditions and with the approval of the commission to the Five Civilized Tribes and the secretary of the interior and that when such sale was made the removal of restrictions on sale also carried with it the removal of the inhibition against taxing the land.

## GERMAN GRAIN VESSELS DETAINED IN DUTCH RIVER

London, Dec. 15.—The Daily Chronicle's Amsterdam correspondent says sixteen vessels containing grain, which the Germans sent from Antwerp have been detained by the Dutch at Harzwerf, Holland, at the mouth of the river Scheldt.

## PRAIRIE CASE IS POSTPONED

**Attorney Crouce Asks For Time in Which to Prepare Demurrer.**

The hearing of the application of the Prairie Oil and Gas company for an alternative writ of prohibition to prevent the state board of equalization from certifying to the various county assessors its recent action in adding \$10,500,000 to the assessment of the big oil corporation, was postponed in the state supreme court today until Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock.

Attorney A. C. Crouce, who appeared in the case with Attorney General West, presenting the contentions of the state taxing authorities, asked for time in which to prepare a demurrer or an answer to the application. Mr. Crouce expressed the belief that the application for a writ of prohibition was not the proper remedy and contended that only an appeal from the action of the state board of equalization would lie.

Attorney C. E. Ames, representing the Prairie Oil and Gas company announced that he was ready for the hearing at this time. Other attorneys for the Prairie company in the case are N. A. Gibson of Muskogee and N. E. Van Tyl of Independence, Kan.

Attorney General West this afternoon prepared his answer which will be filed in the court late this afternoon or tomorrow setting out the position of the state in the case.

## LITERACY TEST DOES NOT JUDGE QUALITY—PRESIDENT

Washington, Dec. 15.—President Wilson announced to callers his opposition to the literacy test in the immigration bill pending in the senate and said he did not believe the test "tested quality."

The president hasn't decided whether his opposition to the test would make him decide against the entire bill, or whether other features would overcome his objections.

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